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Dear Mr. Hairston:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGE IN NOZZLE INSPECTION SCHEDULE, VOGTLE ELECTRIC
GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 2 (TACS M83269/M83270)

By letter of March 17, 1992, you notified the NRC of a pending change to the examination schedule for Class 1 nozzles at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 2 (VEGP-2). The change involves rescheduling the examinations of the reactor vessel outlet nozzles, as documented in the current revision of the VEGP-2 Inservice Inspection Plan, from the first period of the first 10-year interval to the third period of the interval. As a basis for the change, you cite ASME Section XI Code Interpretation XI-1-86-74, which relates to the general application of examination scheduling requirements.

The NRC, with technical assistance from Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, has reviewed the proposed change to the examination schedule and related supporting information. As discussed in the enclosed Safety Evaluation, we find that the change is unacceptable and should not be implemented. We request that you adjust your future examination schedules to better conform to Section XI of the ASME Code, Table IWB-2500-1 for Category P-D nozzle welds.

Please inform me of the results of your further review. If you have questions regarding this letter, contact me at (301)-504-3049.

Sincerely,

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